



UNO Bookstore: where does the money go?

The bookstore in the Milo Bail Student Center supports itself using costs.

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Mavericks scrimmage to get ready to play Lopers

Tailback Robert Wesley scored two touchdowns in Saturday night's scrimmage.

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## Update: Plan for day shelter goes forward

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

During the Omaha City Council meeting last week, a public hearing was held on the plan to build a day shelter for the homeless in the north downtown area.

The hearing was closed as soon as it opened because there were no proponents or opponents present to comment on the issue.

The council's discussion was unspectacular partly because there is overwhelming support for the proposal to convert what is currently an industrial facility into a place that will serve as a pathway for homeless individuals to become productive members of society.

There are about 300 homeless people in the downtown area, and the proposed shelter will be a refuge from the all too familiar harsh Nebraska weather that can range from cutting blizzard to scorching hot conditions.

But the goal of a day shelter goes beyond just providing a safe place out of a dangerous environment.

Guiding the homeless towards normalcy requires that shelters "not just get them off the street, get them a bed, get them to sleep, you want to do more than that. You help them rehabilitate and become proficient at some kind of skill," said councilman Franklin Thompson of the sixth district.

The motivation to build the shelter originated from both financial and moral reasons.

The councilman recognized that there was a "relationship between not having a large homeless population and tourism being healthier."

However, he added that "the main impetus is not financial; the main impetus has to do with human dignity issues."

The idea for the facility has been "the mayor's project for about four years," Thompson said.

The biggest obstacle to making the idea reality has been funding.

"The city is financially strapped," said Thompson. He also noted that the plan for the shelter is succeeding because the "the city had some help this time" from public and private sources.

The council avoided raising taxes to fund the homeless shelter by utilizing Community Development Block Grant money for the \$275,000 necessary to

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## Maverick Village experiences 'growing pains' after opening



Security buzzers, cable television, shower fixtures and other utilities have been experiencing some problems at Maverick Village, the new dorms on the Dodge Street campus. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

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The start of a new year at UNO also begins fruition of the construction of Maverick Village. This humble homage is the new series of dorms that house 380 eager-to-learn individuals. The buildings are labeled with the letters that spell M-A-V-E-R-I-C-K.

Resident assistants reside on the first floor of every building. It is their duty and responsibility to facilitate each building and aid fellow residents in the event they would need help.

A newly opened facility can cause expectation of some malfunctions. The most common complaint at Maverick Village is the trouble of faulty utilities.

Roommates Annie Kaufman and Cody Korus were two of the many students having issues with water and electricity.

In their dorm suite, water drips from the ceiling after one of their two showers are used. The other unit does not even work at all. The showerhead rattles and has poor shower pressure.

"There's cracks in the showerhead, and it squeals," Korus said.

Their dishwasher also does not function, and one of the light bulbs in their living room has already burned out, although they rarely use that particular lighting fixture, Kaufman said.

Their cable only works in the living room; all the other cords connected to other televisions in the bedrooms have no service.

Still, despite all the visible problems in their dorm, Kaufman and Korus are happy with their living situation.

To remedy problems referred to as "growing pains" by resident

assistant Chris Tow, Maverick Village encourages residents to file work orders. These are online forms found at maverickvillage.unomaha.edu. The form consists of filling out basic information such as name, building, room number, contact information and the nature of the problem needing resolved.

The priority of work orders depends on the task at hand. For instance, currently the security buzzers at the entrance of each building do not work at Maverick Village.

This poses a security risk, resident assistant Stephanie Grupe said. The malfunction such as this is considered to be a high priority because it puts students at risk.

"We'll keep rollin' punches, and fix it as it comes," Tow said.

Problems were anticipated for Maverick Village's opening, Tow

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## Walk hopes to include entire community

MIKE BELL  
STAFF WRITER

The Conference for Inclusive Communities, with sponsors Omaha Steaks, KETV and Metro Monthly, held the 10th annual Walk for Inclusion on Saturday at Heartland of America Park in Omaha. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy live music, dancing, hot rice and cookies.

The day started out with Craoi na Tire, a dancing studio specializing in Irish step dancing, warming up the crowd before Dances of Spain took over with vibrant acoustic guitar playing and Flamenco dancing. Finishing up the cultural performances was Charles Ahovissi and Hwendo, playing traditional African music with drums and costumed dancing.

After the music, several CFIC coordinators welcomed and thanked everyone who came. John Oakey of KETV NewsWatch Seven greeted the crowd and spoke of how important the day was. Following Oakey were the InCity Alumni.

These high school students had undergone a four-day retreat with their teachers to learn and discuss such issues as race, culture, appearance and others. Through this program they are able to ask questions and get honest answers to help dispel stereotypes.

The alumni were lead by Kimmy Terry to sing "Alligator," a song about an alligator that wants to be friends. Oakey thanked the volunteers and let the Marching Knights take over as the walk finally began.

With timpani in tow, the Knights made their way down the sidewalk with dancers backing them up the entire way. The crowd fell in and a snake of people coursed

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## Some LSU students choosing to weather Hurricane Gustav

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THE DAILY REVEILLE

BATON ROUGE, La. (UWIRE) — Louisiana State University's Residential Life is preparing for Hurricane Gustav.

Residence hall assistants met with students who chose to stay on campus during Hurricane Gustav on Friday night to discuss hurricane instructions and procedures.

Most meetings lasted about 30 to 45 minutes, and students were encouraged to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Students weathering Gustav on campus were given instruction sheets provided by ResLife that offered

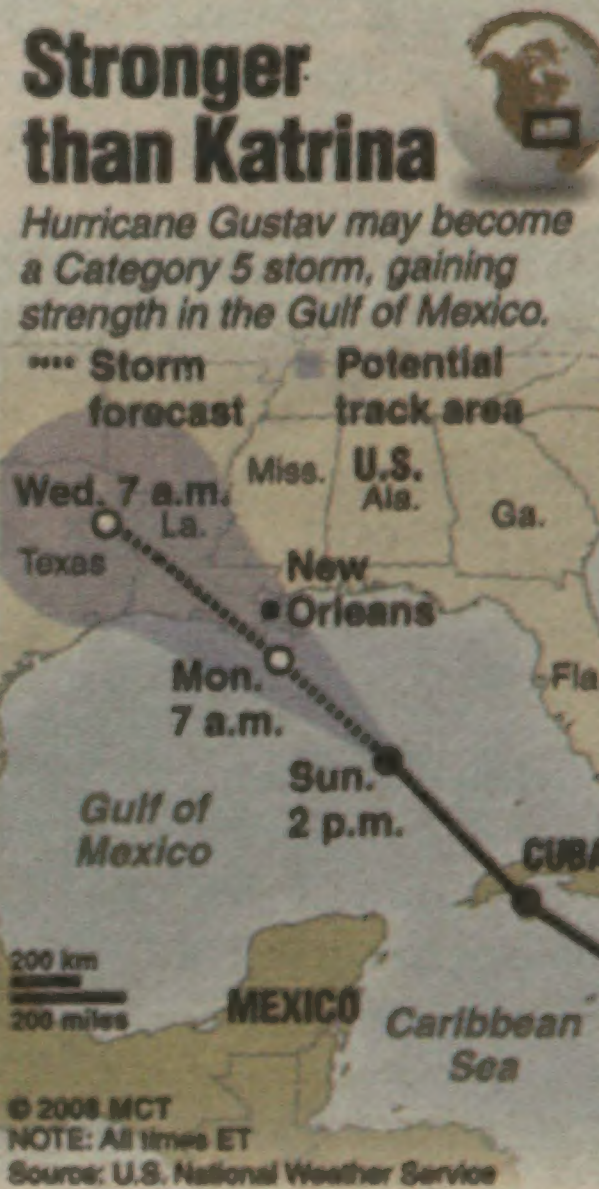
advice for preparations before, during and after the hurricane.

Students were also given a Weather Emergency Contact Form to submit their names and other significant information that may be needed to their respective RA.

RAs advised students to pull furniture away from windows and said all electronic equipment and any floor articles such as rugs, bags and suitcases should be moved off the floor in case flooding occurs.

RAs stressed valuables be placed in a secure location and should be locked up as soon as possible.

RAs also emphasized students should supply themselves with fresh water, flashlights, food and gas to



prepare for the storm.

Other precautions such as staying indoors, staying away from windows and reporting any injuries, excessive water or accidents were discussed in these meetings.

Students had mixed feelings after attending the meetings.

Jarrett Gautreau, a petroleum engineering freshman, said his concerns about the storm were not eased by the meeting.

"I'm kind of nervous it might be another Katrina, but we really can't stop mother nature, so I can't worry about that too much," he said. "[LSU] seems pretty prepared, but so did New Orleans before Katrina and

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## Board of Regents meets this Friday

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will meet to vote on several issues, including the construction of an athletic complex at UNO and a system-wide Student Information System overhaul.

UNO is requesting permission from the regents to begin asking for designs from engineers and architects for its University Life Complex, located on the former Chili Greens Golf Course property at 68th and Spring streets.

The complex will include an athletic complex including a baseball field, two softball fields and a soccer field.

The regents will vote on a contract for the construction of a new Student Information System, responsible for maintaining student records across the University of Nebraska system.

Property acquisition for the University of Nebraska at Kearney, capital improvements for UNK and University of Nebraska - Lincoln housing facilities and the budget for a new building to home the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing's Lincoln division are also on the regents' agenda.

The regents are also

expected to vote on a graduate degree program offered at the Charles W. Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction for a master's of science in construction and on the certification of funds to complete the transfer of the Nebraska State Fairgrounds to UNL for its Innovation Campus project.

The meeting is open to the public and will take place at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege St., in Lincoln, Neb., at 1 p.m. Committee meetings will begin at 8 a.m., breaking around noon for lunch.

The committees will hear reports on gender and minority faculty equity, need-based financial aid, merit-based scholarships, state funding, investments, information security, capital construction policies and economic engagement.



SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY

Around 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 25, a temporary worker for the UNO Bookstore fainted due to a medical condition. The woman was treated in the coat check area by the south doors of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Omaha Fire and Rescue responders transported the woman to Mercy Hospital. The woman, who Campus Security refused to identify in a letter to The Gateway, was seen on campus on Thursday in good health.

Campus Security officers also responded to the scene.

- Scott Stewart

### Your Profile Picture

Perhaps the most important decision of your day.

**The Goofy Close-up**



**Personal Info:**  
"OMG, like, haha ROTFL!!!!"

**You in exotic location/participating in extreme sport**



**Activities:**  
"Been there, done that."

**Your baby picture (awww!)**



**About me:**  
"I used to be cute... WHAT HAPPENED??"

**You with significant other**



**Relationship:**  
"See? I'm not the only person who likes me."

**The casual snapshot**



**Status:**  
"Like, whatever, I didn't just spend 3 hours trying to pick my profile picture."

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## Colleagues reflect on UI professor after apparent suicide

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THE DAILY IOWAN

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UWIRE) - University of Iowa Professor William Reisinger remembers former colleague Arthur Miller as "one of the most distinguished scholars" in political science and credits him for enhancing the field at the UI.

"Since Miller joined the UI Department of Political Science in 1985, he has strengthened the department's reputation in the discipline, and its faculty members and students have benefited from his expertise in political psychology and survey methods," Reisinger said in an e-mail.

On Tuesday, an autopsy confirmed that a body found in Hickory Hill Park was that of Miller. He was 66 years old.

He had been missing since Aug. 19 - when authorities say he died in an apparent suicide - until he was found at Hickory Hill Park on Sunday.

He was facing four counts of bribery for allegedly trading higher grades for sexual favors.

The political science professor contributed much to the field in his 23-year tenure at the UI. Miller researched American and comparative politics and specifically worked on public opinion, voting behavior and political psychology.

In 1985, Miller came to the UI after a stint

as an associate professor at the University of Michigan from 1976 to 1984. He had received his Ph.D. there in 1971. During the early '80s, Miller spent time researching in Norway and spent an academic year there from 1983-84 at the University of Trondheim, where he was a Fulbright research professor.

Much of Miller's research was focused on the former Soviet Union. He wrote numerous articles about former Soviet Union bloc countries and other political issues, which were published in journals all across the world, including the American Journal of Political Science and the British Journal of Political Science.

Reisinger worked with Miller on polling in the Soviet Union and co-wrote numerous articles throughout the '90s and early 2000s.

"I learned a lot from working with him and benefited from his support," Reisinger said. "This is a big loss to UI political science and to the field as a whole."

Along with myriad publications, in 1988 Miller created the Heartland Poll, a political-opinion poll used to gather data from seven Midwest states.

The poll, which is conducted in election years, was originally run by the Iowa Social Science Institute.

UI President Sally Mason said in a release that she extends her sympathy to his family, friends

and colleagues.

"No one would have wished for such a tragic end to this difficult situation," she said in the statement.

Miller was put on leave for the fall, and his family said he would be remembered as "a teacher who believed that independent thinking is one of the most important skills which should help develop his students."

The professor's family released the statement Aug. 21, expressing memories of Miller as a father and scientist.

"Our memories of him would bring us to the library, where he was taking his son for Saturday's story time, to the Farmers' Market, where we would enjoy outdoor music performances and eat some freshly baked muffins, to all the wonderful games which he played with his sons at home, to day trips which we took together with our children to see and teach them to appreciate a bigger world," the statement read.

Miller was born on April 24, 1942, in Little Falls, Minn. He is survived by his wife, Natasha Ivanova - whom he married in 2001 - and four children: Brett Miller, Maija Rowland, Marcus Miller and Lucas Miller.

A private family service will be held at a later date. The Old Capitol flag will be lowered to half-staff in memory of Miller.

## Crime Log

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SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Saturday, Aug. 23

**4:50 p.m.** A student reported witnessing a theft from a vehicle parked in Lot 10. The incident occurred at 4:50 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

**11:50 a.m.** A student reported the theft of personal property from the Peter Kiewit Institute. The incident occurred between 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

**4:50 p.m.** A student reported the theft of university property from the Peter Kiewit Institute. The

incident occurred between 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20, and 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

**3 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed public indecency and a liquor violation. Further investigation identified a

student and a visitor. The student was referred for disciplinary action. Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said the incident involved public urination on a building at University Village.

**10:21 a.m.** A student reported the theft of personal and university property from

Durham Science Center. The incident occurred between 3 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

**1:49 p.m.** A student reported the theft of personal property from the Peter Kiewit Institute. The incident occurred between 12:50 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26.





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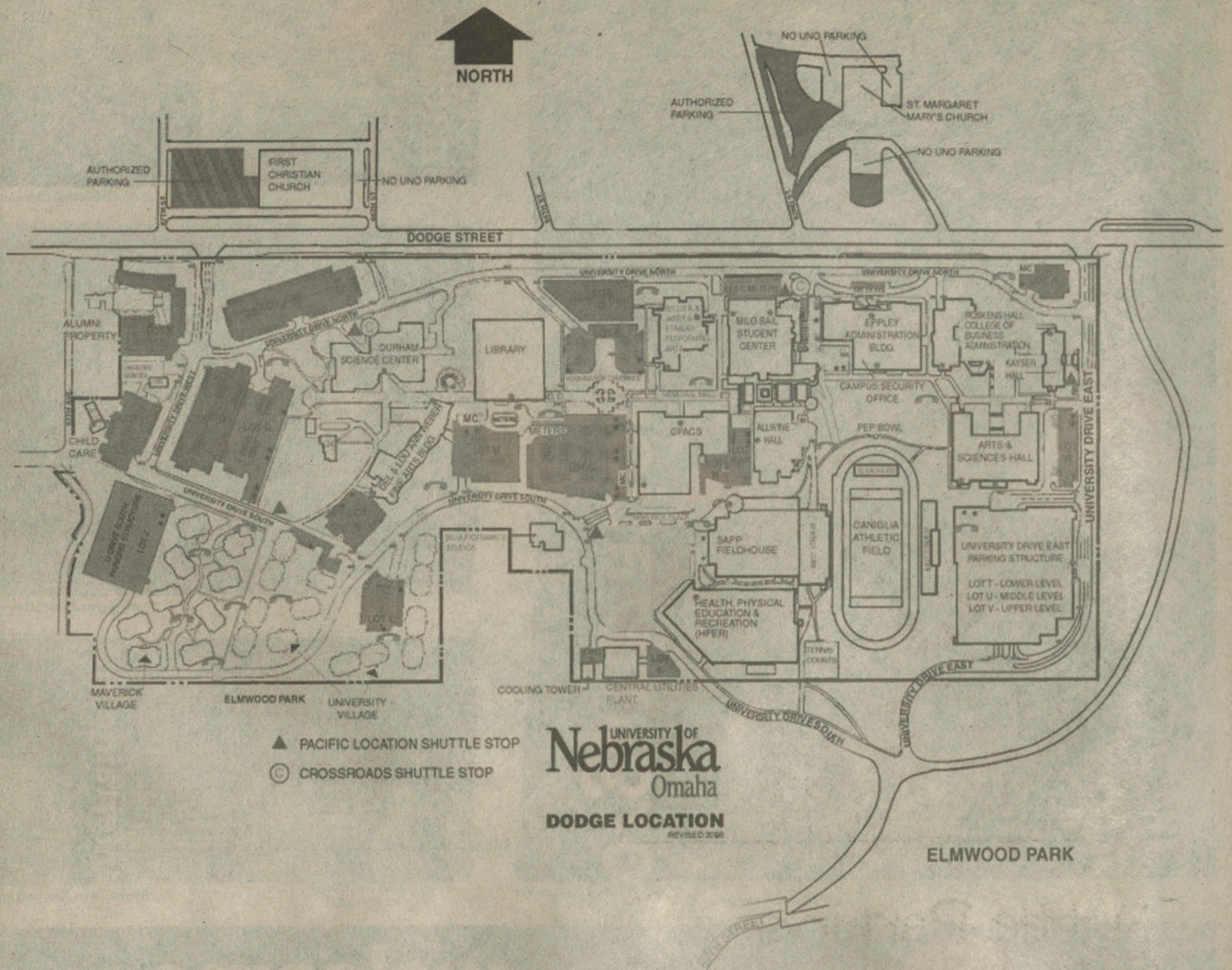
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# The Bull Stops Here!



## Remote Parking: Crossroads Mall Parking Structure

UNO Provides remote parking from the Crossroads Mall parking structure located at 72nd and Cass Streets. Hours are 7 am. to 6 pm. Parking is permitted on levels 1,3,5 and 6 ONLY. (NOT levels 2,4 or in regular surface lots.) Shuttle service is provided free of charge and no permit is required.

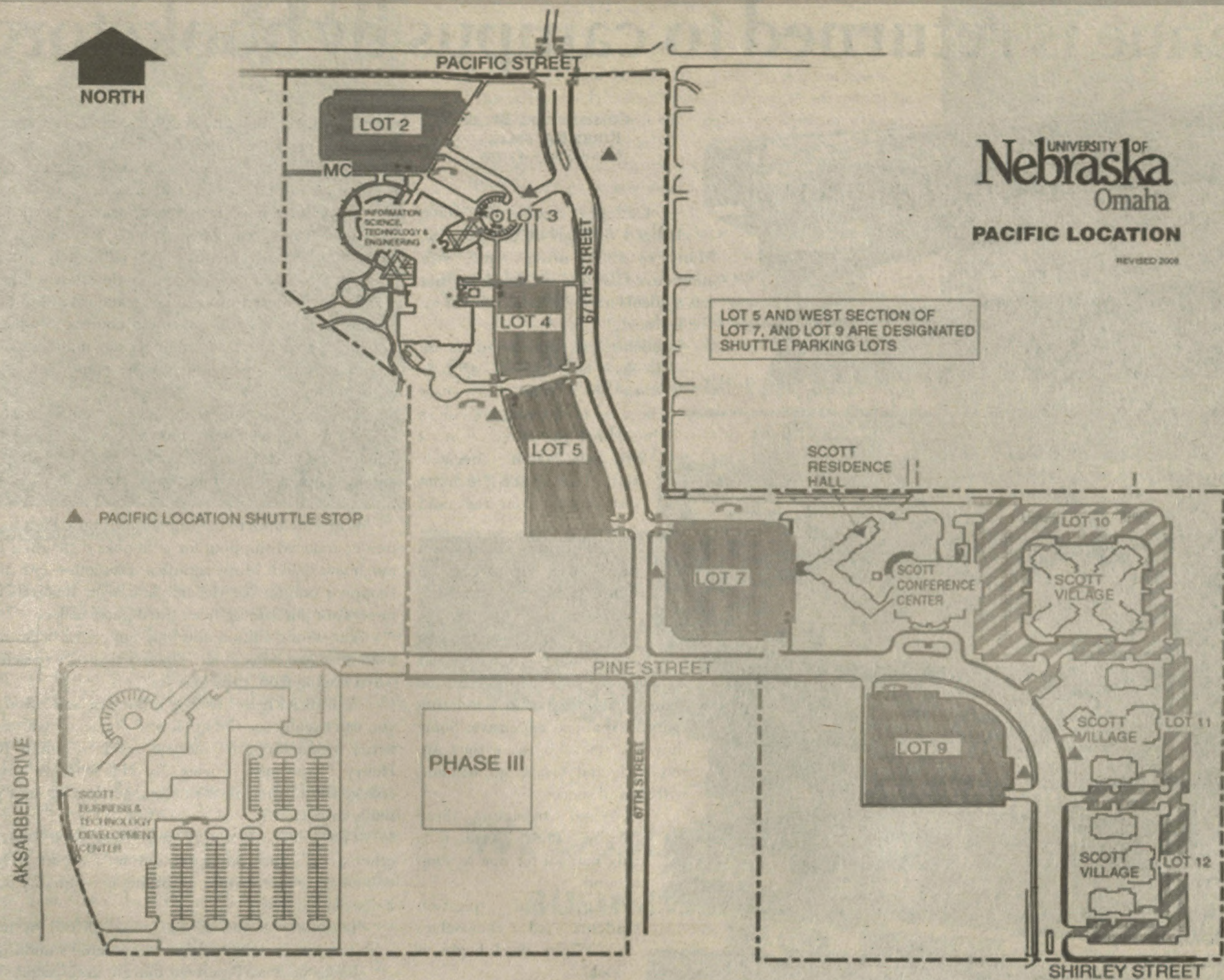
Shuttle Busses load and unload at the southwest corner of the Crossroads Mall parking structure approximately every 15 minutes making stops **ONLY** north of the Durham Science Center and north of the Milo Bail Student Center. The shuttle Busses return directly to Crossroads after every stop at MBSC.

The Remote Parking shuttles will be marked to distinguish them from the shuttles Buses that service the shuttle parking at the Pacific location

Call Campus Security at 554.2648



# Pacific Location



## Shuttle Parking:

Pacific location lots 5, 7 and 9.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha provides shuttle parking at the Pacific location between the hours of 6:30 am and 10:30 pm Monday through Friday. A VALID PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

Shuttle busses leave the Pacific location and the UNO campuses approximately every 15 minutes making stops at the following locations:

- \* South of lot Q along University Drive South at the three-way intersection
- \* West of lot K along University Drive South
- \* North of the Durham Science Center
- \* North of the Milo Bail Student Center
- \* East of Kayser Hall
- \* East of PKI (circle drive) in lots 5, 7 and 9
- \* West of Scott Village
- \* East of PKI along 67th Street

The shuttle busses load/unload in lots 5, 7 and 9 at the Pacific location.

The Pacific location shuttle parking busses will be marked to distinguish them from the remote parking busses that service the Crossroads Mall parking structure.

## Parking Prices:

\$10.6 Student  
(Valid all day)

\$5.3 Student Night ONLY  
(Valid on campus after 12:30 pm.)

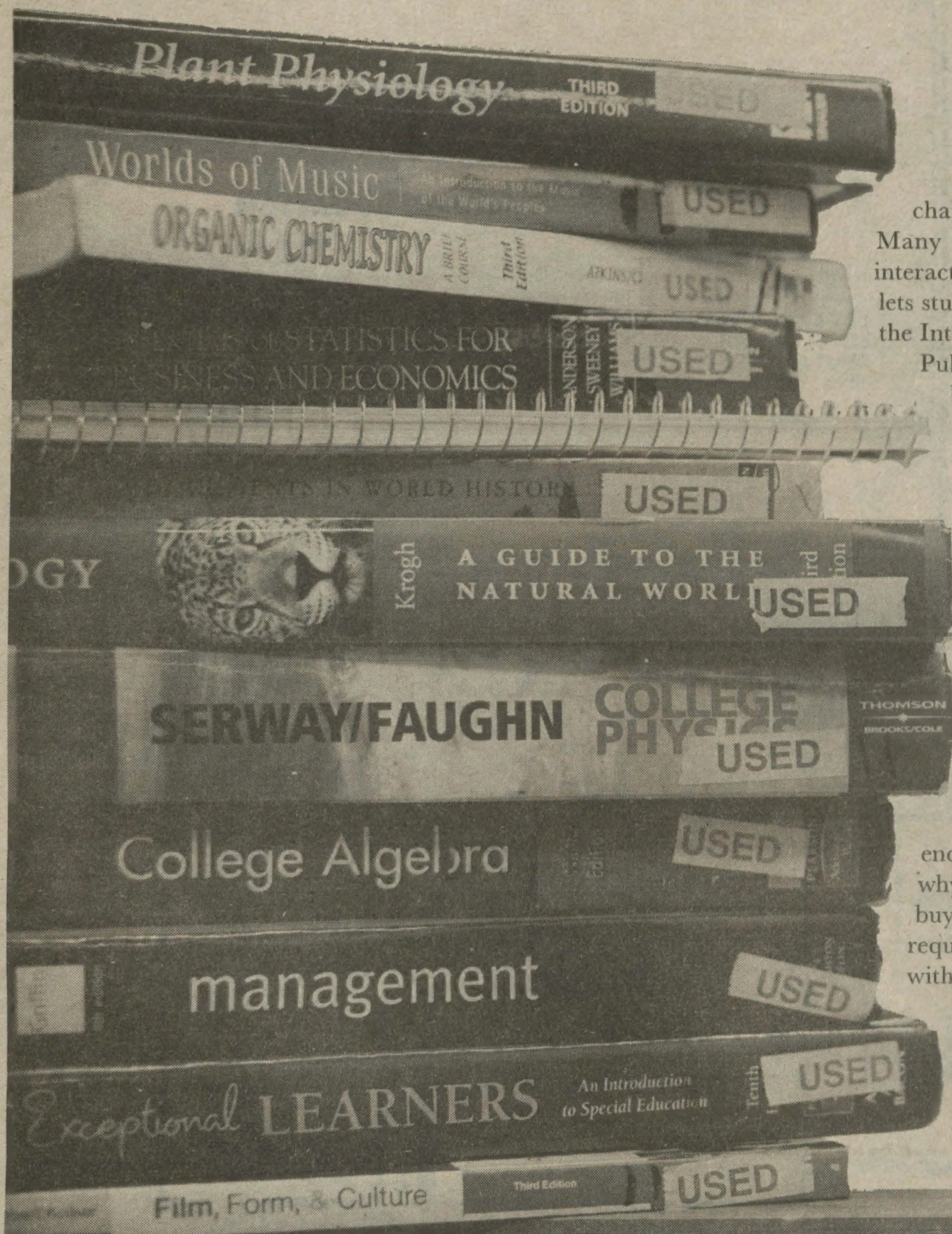
\$12.6 GTA  
(Restricted to Faculty/Staff lots ONLY)

\$6.0 University Drive East Parking Structure  
Access Card (if available)

Access to the University Drive East Parking Structure will be available for a fee of \$2 after 12:30 pm. No parking permit is required after 12:30 pm in the parking structure.



# Textbook costs sometimes unavoidable, but revenue is returned to campus by bookstore



COMMENTARY BY  
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College textbooks have changed throughout the decades. Many of them often come with interactive CDs and special codes that lets students access special content on the Internet.

Publishers at one point made books every four years; now they do it every two years because of increasing changes in technology. These revisions are also done because authors are concerned about lost profits from the used book market.

Publishing companies have also decreased in numbers drastically over the years.

The biggest change that impacts students year after year is the price. In the end it comes down to wondering why they are so expensive. Some buy the books because they are required, and others go without, with mixed success.

When dispersing those valuable college funds, it is only natural for one to shop around.

The real question students ask themselves is, "Where do I begin to look?"

The first stop for many UNO students is the UNO Bookstore, where a plethora of knowledge can be always found. Of course, many students stop their shopping by purchasing all their needed texts at their first trip.

At the bookstore, students can find their professors' book assignments and copy down International Standard Book Numbers, or ISBNs. These numbers are useful to track down the exact book at other locations.

From time to time, textbooks are not even needed in certain classes so it is best to not open the shrink wrap until the professor says the book will be used.

"Our people are trained in situations to tell students to hold off and go to class to see if they need it," said Scott Dickey, course materials manager of the UNO Bookstore.

Michael E. Schmidt, manager of the bookstore, ensures that students receive the best quality service possible.

"We basically do the very best to get the exact book the student needs at the best possible price," Schmidt said.

The bookstore is run by university employees and is not owned by a

company like at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln or Bellevue University. This means UNO gains all the profit from textbooks and is not on a contract lease where it would have to share profits with another entity.

Many incoming freshmen appear to be dazzled at situations where one friend spends \$900 for textbooks while another only spends \$300. Ultimately, the cost of books comes down to what courses the student takes.

Courses offered in a student's major tend to be more expensive than general education courses. Students who are looking to purchase engineering, math and science textbooks will most likely pay more money than students taking other courses.

The UNO Bookstore, however, is not the only place to shop for books. Some students go down to Aksarben Village and visit the Big O Bookstore. Others shop online on sites such as Amazon.com or Half.com to look for a better deal.

When it comes to buying online, many Web sites offer free or reduced shipping for textbooks depending on how much you spend. Many significant discounts can be found shopping online, but the major danger involved is most buyers are purchasing from third-party sellers.

The wrong edition may ship out or the buyer may not even receive a book at all. These are always risks involved when buying from third parties.

"I think it's better to shop around because even though you can't really see the book you're getting, you can get a better value for your money," said freshman Rachael Henry. "Especially because, for kids who are paying for college out of their own pockets, getting the best price is really important."

The UNO Bookstore purchases used books from other schools and constantly hunt for bargains so students will have a better chance of finding good quality books for a discounted price.

Textbooks at the bookstore are priced by margins, with margins at UNO below the national standards.

Books have a 20 percent margin and freight shipping is paid both ways by the bookstore as well, said Dickey. Used books at the bookstore cost 25 percent less than they would if purchased new. For example a \$100 book would only cost \$75.

Books actually cost even cheaper when a student figures in money received during buybacks, which occurs the last two weeks of the semester.

The bookstore will pay up to 50 percent of the new book price. It does not matter where the book was originally purchased.

This means if a student purchased a book for \$50 and sold it back to the book store during buy back, they would have really have only paid \$25 to use the book, Dickey said.

The only exception to buy back is that the bookstore will not purchase international versions of textbooks. They do not have the same ISBNs and are published for sale in other countries, not in the United States, said Dickey.

The bookstore does its best to supply students with books at the lowest possible price. Nationally, for every dollar spent on a new textbook, the money goes to a variety of different places according to the National Association of College Stores: 32.1 cents goes to the publisher's paper, printing and editorial costs and 11.6 cents goes to the author's income, the royalties the author receives from the book.

Another 9.9 cents goes to the publisher's administrative costs and 15.3 cents goes to the publisher's marketing costs. Locally, 4.4 cents goes to the college bookstore's income, 1.7 cents is used to pay for freight shipping for the books and 10.8 cents is allocated to pay bookstore personnel.

The publisher's profit cut comes out to 7 cents of income per dollar charged, according to the NACS. This breakdown of the dollar is based on a national average of college bookstores.

Any revenue made from the UNO Bookstore goes right back into campus. Because zero tax dollars go to the bookstore, revenue is put back into the building to provide new computers, supplies and essentials needed to function, Schmidt said. The building sustains itself.

Buying college textbooks are a perfect way to burn a hole in a wallet, but it is a necessity required to succeed in college. The only obstacle is the price, but as students there are many resources to overcome it.

"It's all about the university experience," Schmidt said.

## ATTENTION UNO STUDENTS

### TUITION PAYMENTS DUE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

BILLING DATE	PAYMENT DUE DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE
08/28/08	09/16/08	<i>First half of tuition and fees</i>
09/19/08	10/07/08	<i>Remaining balance</i>

### LATE PAYMENT FEE

Each unpaid bill is subject to late payment fees. A Late Payment Fee of \$25 will be assessed to unpaid balances of \$400 or less. A \$50 Late Payment Fee will be assessed to unpaid balances over \$400. Students who do not make their required payments will have holds placed on their enrollment, financial aid and transcripts.

It is the responsibility of each student to know the tuition payment schedule, the late payment fee policy and the refund policy and deadlines.

Student E-Bills are available on E-BRUNO. Please check your UNO student e-mail account for your billing notification, or for more information regarding our billing policies.

[cashiering.unomaha.edu](http://cashiering.unomaha.edu)





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around the Qwest Center and back into the park.

Along the path was the occasional sign held by an IncluCity volunteer. Neal Orians of the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design had made all the signs himself. Others, including Amor Habbad and Adrian Fuents, held signs opposing a variety of groups including the Ku Klux Klan and the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative.

Another homemade banner held by several students was guided by Mike Honeyman.

"I teach a class called Dynamics of Global Intolerance at Westside High School," Honeyman said. "Our goal is to just try and reach out and raise awareness and show the positive side of diversity everywhere."

Once the journey was complete, the walkers were rewarded with free food served by Umang Tealati. Spicy hot rice, breaded chicken doused in sweet sauce and raspberries served on kababs, all courtesy of Indian Oven.

The crowd then took seats on the grass and stone benches to watch and listen to rock band Eagle Seagull play. Fifty teams comprised of families, schools, religious organizations and others participated in the walk around the park in celebration of the CFIC's mission and to help raise funds to help further future goals.

The CFIC was founded in 1927 as the National Conference for Christians and Jews. It is an organization that is "dedicated to confronting prejudice, bigotry and discrimination through educational programs that raise awareness, foster leadership and encourage advocacy for a just and inclusive society," according to their Web site.

They currently offer eight different programs that teach these values through classes and workshops. For more information about the CFIC, go to cficonline.org.

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buy the existing building, and because the Peter Kiewit Foundation pledged \$600,000 for renovation costs.

The proposed day shelter will be managed by the Sienna-Francis House and will include services such as job training, health services, legal clinics and affordable housing search. The proposal will be up for a vote by the city council on Sept. 9.

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said.

With the opening of a new facility, one could only assume that a high magnitude of stress would be placed on the water and electrical systems. Going from testing each individual unit to having them all run at the same time is expected to overwhelm the system, Tow said.

Resident assistant Eryn Mertins also expressed some concern about the rush to finish the construction project so students could move in. She said some of the residents moving in last week had to be warned not to use their water for the first couple hours.

"They are trying to get everyone's problems fixed," Kaufman said. "It's taking longer than expected. The showerhead took a week. They are trying though."

Editor in Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.

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look how that turned out. So it seems like a false sense of security."

Gautreau, a Gonzales native, said he chose to stay because he expects traveling between his home in Gonzales and his residence hall room in Baton Rouge will not be difficult.

The same cannot be said for Robert Beckwith, an electrical engineering freshman.

Beckwith, a Milton, Fla., native, stayed for a different reason.

"I stayed because I think we're far enough inland that nothing too bad should happen," Beckwith said. "But more importantly because it's a five-hour drive back home."

Beckwith said living in a new dorm made his decision easier.

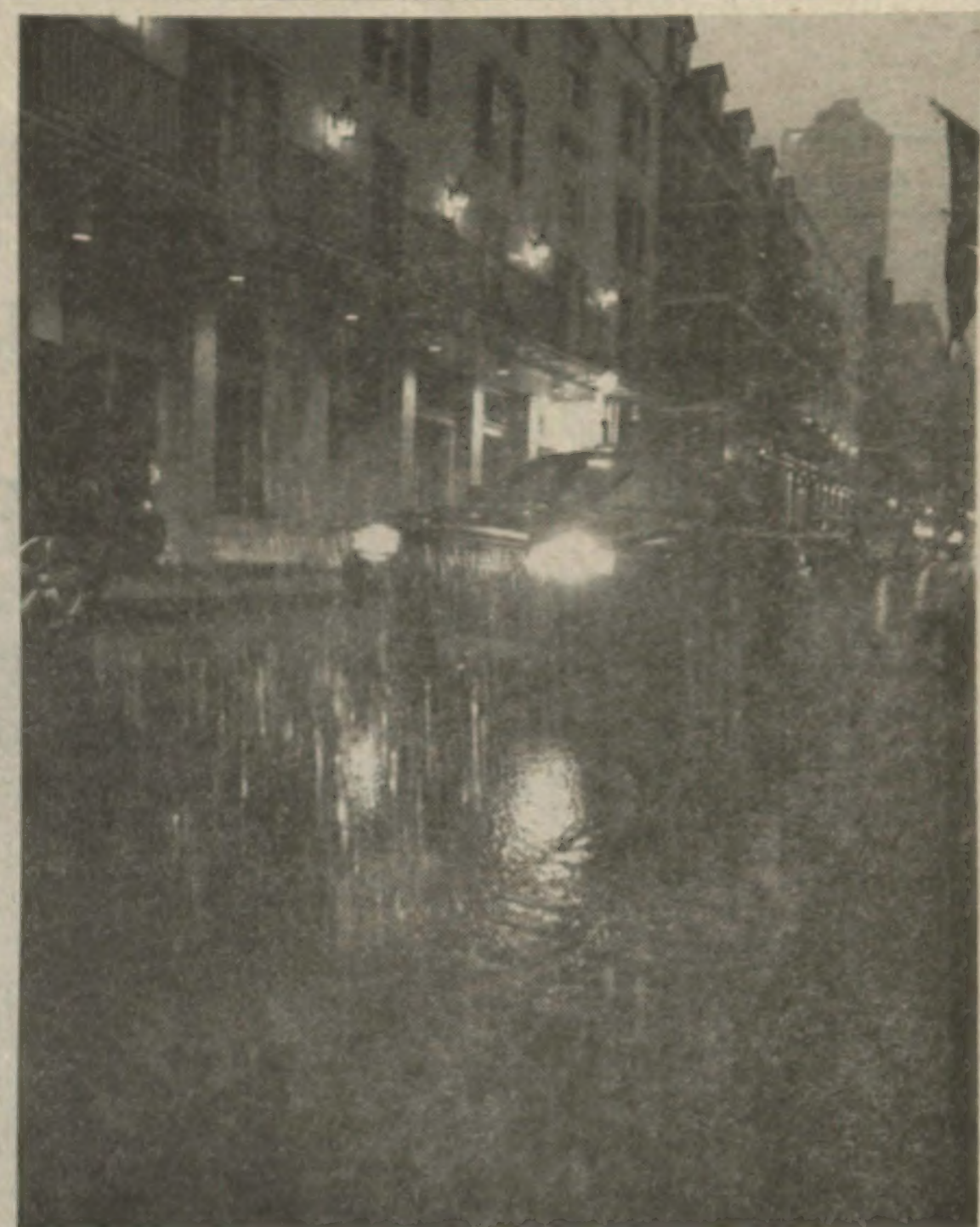
"We'll be all right because it is a newer dorm," he said. "So I'd like to think it's pretty structurally sound."

Kathy Smith, Residence Hall Association vice president, said residents staying on campus should know every residence hall — no matter the age of the building — should feel safe.

"Every building is structurally sound," Smith said. "They wouldn't have people living in them if they weren't. Residential Life knows hurricanes happen and they make sure the buildings are OK, so they have nothing to worry about."

Smith said the best piece of advice she can give students is "to stay calm and not panic."

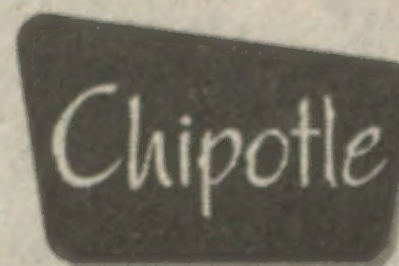
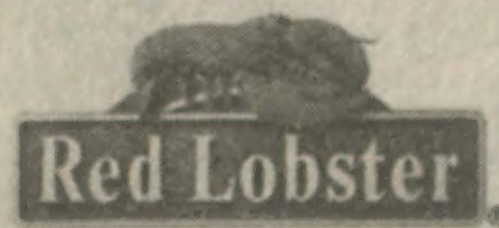
"LSU's one of the safest places to be for this," she said. "All the buildings are structurally sound, and there's people here that know what they are doing."



Police cars patrol Bourbon Street as the first rain bands of Hurricane Gustav descend upon New Orleans, Louisiana, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008. (GARY W. GREEN/ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT)

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## MAVS SCRIMMAGE IN PREPARATION FOR KEARNEY SEASON OPENER



Top left - Freshman wide receiver Brian Miller heads up field after a reception during UNO's scrimmage on Saturday at Al Caniglia Field.

Top right - Redshirt freshman Trenton Friesen tries to block a pass by freshman quarterback John Teigland.

Bottom - Freshman quarterback Guy Martino looks for an opening in the defense.

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SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Maverick football team took the field Saturday night for a scrimmage in preparation for next week's season opener against Nebraska-Kearney.

Robert Wesley, a junior tailback from Central High, scored a pair of touchdowns during the scrimmage, on 3-yard and 2-yard runs respectively.

Fullback Charles Quigley, a sophomore from Brooklyn Park, Minn., received an 8-yard pass from senior quarterback Zach Miller and place kicker Greg Zuerlein, a sophomore from Lincoln, had successful 31-yard and 49-yard field goals

attempts. Zuerlein missed a 44-yard attempt, but made all three extra point kicks following the touchdowns.

Miller opened the offense with a 68-yard 10-play run resulting in the touchdown with Quigley. On the night, Miller completed 14 of 19 passes for 177 total yards.

The scrimmage itself ran for one hour and 40 minutes. It was comprised of 77 plays, resulting in 289 total yards with 27 of 42 passes completed by the five quarterbacks - Miller, Greg Wunderlich, John Teigland, Dan Schmall and Guy Martino.

The Mavericks open their season against Nebraska-Kearney on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.







# Volleyball splits weekend matches in home tournament

VERNON DAVIS  
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The Maverick volleyball team opened its season with by splitting the two days of the Comfort Inn & Suites/Firewater Grille Tournament. UNO is now .500 on the season.

On Friday, UNO started the tournament by beating Minnesota-Crookston in three sets (12-25, 22-25, 15-25) but went on to a hard-fought 3-2 loss to Northern Michigan (20-25, 22-25, 25-22, 25-22, 16-14).

The Mavs again opened strong on Saturday, defeating University of Mary (13-25, 17-25, 18-25) in three sets, only to be swept by Rockhurst (25-18, 25-22, 25-23) that evening.

Head Coach Rose Shires said the quality of the teams in the tournament were "exceptional," noting that no team went undefeated on the weekend.

In addition to the teams UNO played, tournament attendees got to witness play from Emporia State and Northwest Missouri State – two Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference opponents of the Mavericks.

Shires said she thinks the team was "mentally unready" for the challenge Northern Michigan and Rockhurst presented. But, with the Mavericks starting four freshmen and having only one senior on the team, that's to be expected early in the season.

UNO will continue its season with the St. Edwards Classic in Austin this weekend. The Mavs will face St. Edwards and Texas A&M – Kingsville on Friday at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. On Saturday, UNO takes the court against East Central at 4:45 p.m.

The Mavericks hope to pick up some regional points in the NCAA Division II tournament. The team's progress can be followed at the Athletic Department's Web site, gomavs.unomaha.edu.

*Editor in Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.*

## COMFORT INN & SUITES FIREWATER GRILLE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Michigan Tech 3, Mary 0 (25-14, 25-16, 25-11)  
Rockhurst 0, Emporia State 3 (19-25, 20-25, 14-25)  
Northern Michigan 2, Minnesota-Moorhead 3 (25-14, 22-25, 22-25, 25-14, 13-15)  
Minnesota-Crookston 0, Nebraska-Omaha 3 (12-25, 22-25, 15-25)  
Northwest Missouri State 1, Michigan Tech 3 (20-25, 25-22, 22-25, 22-25)  
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Top - Kelli Goeser sends the ball over the net toward Rockhurst's Maggie McGovern on Saturday during the Comfort Inn & Suites/Firewater Grille Tournament at the Sapp Fieldhouse. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Right - Lizzy Mach (left) and Brittany Hanssen look to block the ball during their game against Rockhurst on Saturday. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)





# Women's soccer opens with shutout

**TODD HANSEN**  
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team used a team effort to shut out visiting Rockhurst University Sunday afternoon. After a scoreless first half, the Mavericks scored two goals and won their season opener 2-0.

A sizable crowd watched the Mavericks wear down Rockhurst in a game played with temperatures in the 90s. Head Coach Dan Klosterman, however, wasn't worried about the heat.

"We have a good fitness level; the heat is good for us," Klosterman said.

The defense was lead by sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Fox, in addition to defender Megan Jensen, midfielder Tara Wegehaupt and midfielder Hayley Renshaw.

Overall, Klosterman said he was pleased with the team effort. The Mavericks dominated the ball in the first half but were unable to capitalize as the Rockhurst goalkeeper made a

couple of diving saves.

"I like how we came out in the second half and went right at them," Klosterman said.

That aggressive play led to the first

goal of the game. Junior forward Mykala Hanson made a good run and an even better backward pass to set up freshman Becca Swanson's goal in the 66th minute. The Rockhurst goalkeeper didn't have a chance as Swanson's kick hit the upper left corner of the net.

"Mykala made a perfect pass, and I was thinking, 'Don't mess this up,'" Swanson said.

After a Rockhurst shot hit the post, the Mavericks sealed the win with freshman midfielder Jerica Kuncil's goal in the 84th minute.

Kuncil broke free on the play and had a one-on-one chance with the keeper. Her shot was deflected but still hit the left side of the net; the assist went to senior midfielders Casey Bigsby and Wegehaupt.

When asked about improvements the team could make, Klosterman said the team needs to work on improving its attack and breaking other teams down.

He also noted the team's lack of communication in the first half.

The Mavericks will next face Mary on Saturday. Kickoff will be at 1 p.m. at the soccer field on the former Chili Greens golf course on the Center Street campus.



LAUREN FOX



MYKALA HANSON

## Preseason polls favor Maverick football

**JOHN SANDQUIST**  
STAFF WRITER

The preseason accolades for the Nebraska at Omaha Maverick football team continues to roll in.

The Web site D2football.com released its preseason poll last week, ranking UNO as the No. 7 team in the nation in Division II.

The Mavericks were also ranked seventh in the American Football Coaches Association Division II Coaches' Poll, released Aug. 12.

UNO is joined in the Top 25 on the AFCA poll by Mid-American Intercollegiate Conference rival Northwest Missouri State, who placed just ahead of the Mavs at No. 4.

UNO has previously been picked in an MIAA preseason coaches' poll to finish second in conference after Northwest Missouri.

Valdosta State (Ga.), the reigning national champion, is ranked first in both the D2football.com and AFCA Division II polls.

In addition to the rankings, two members of the team are also receiving some preseason attention. Senior outside-



Junior quarterback Greg Wunderlich goes over a play with the offense during the Mav's scrimmage on Saturday. UNO will face UNK at home on Saturday to open the season. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

linebacker Jeff Souder has been selected to the first team defense of D2football.com's All-American team. Another senior, running back Brian McNeill, who rushed for 1,399 yards and 16 touchdowns last year, is a member of the

offensive second-team.

Despite the high rankings, UNO coach Pat Behrens said that at this early in the season, the team gains no advantage. If anything, they may be at a disadvantage because the

attention may go to their heads. Coach Behrens also said that he hopes his team gets confidence from their performance on the field, not from the polls.

The Mavericks will kick off the 2008 season against an

old foe, the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers. UNO has dominated the series recently, winning the past five meetings by an average of 20 points.

The Lopers, who finished 6-4 last season, will be breaking in a new starting quarterback and running back this year, so the offense will be led by senior wide receiver Eric Myreck, who led the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with eight receiving touchdowns last season.

All five starters on the offensive line will return.

A stout defense will return eight seniors, including last year's leading tackler, inside linebacker Cheikh Fall.

UNK played their first game Saturday against Wayne State at noon. Coach Behrens said that it will help to have a game tape of UNK from this season, and that game prep began in earnest on Monday.

The Mavericks and Lopers face off this Saturday, at 6 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

The game will also be televised statewide on Nebraska Public Television.

## NWMS loses first game without Xavier Omon

**MARK PATEL**  
STAFF WRITER

Third ranked Northwest Missouri State lost their first game 44-27 to eighth ranked Abilene Christian.

"So much of the preseason is based on the previous year, we don't put any stock in preseason rankings, or even our regular season rankings. We just keep playing and try to win your conference, if you do that then you are going to get an opportunity to be in the playoffs," Mel Tjeerdsma, head coach of NWMS, said last week before the game.

It was the Bearcats' first game without star running back Xavier

Omon, who was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the sixth round, making him the fifth Bearcat in the league.

Division II schools like UNO and NWMS, while largely out of the national spotlight, still manage to produce NFL caliber players.

"I was really pleased for him. I think he deserves to be drafted. I think he's good enough," said Tjeerdsma.

"Sometimes when athletes come from Division II - lower schools - they don't get the notoriety, and a lot of the NFL teams will pass on them. But I'm glad that the Buffalos saw enough in him that he was a draft pick."

The rivalry between the

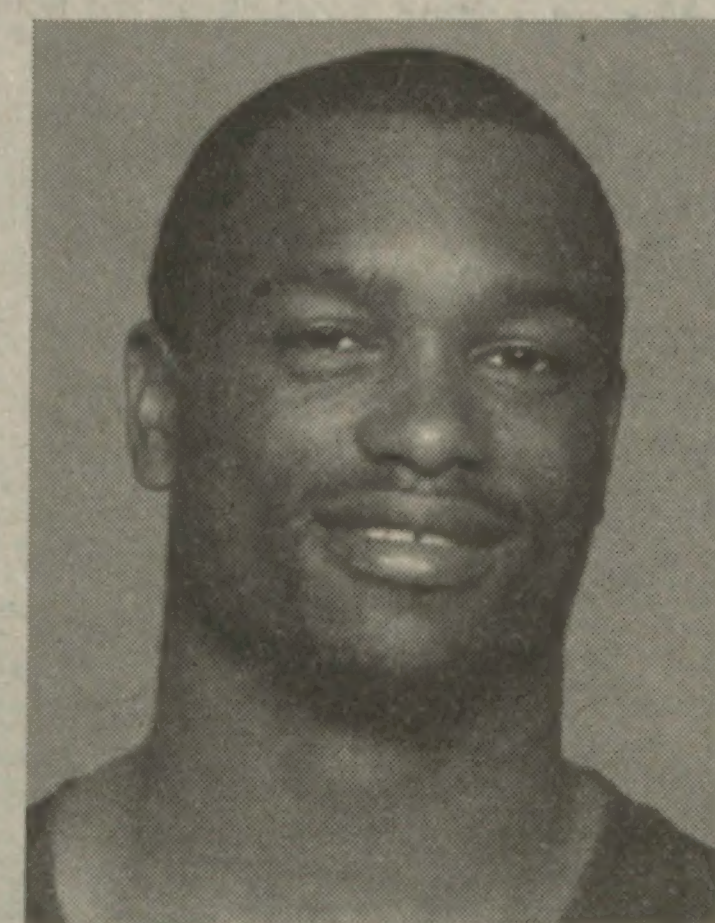
Bearcats and the Mavericks will be a driving force in the conference, as the Bearcats spoiled their high ranking with their first season opener loss, while the Mavericks' No. 7 national ranking will be tested during their first game this week.

"We definitely have some good players coming back, said Tjeerdsma before the game. "We graduated a lot of good players, but I think that we are going to be fairly competitive this year and real competitive if everybody does their job."

Despite the loss of Omon, having student athletes make it into the NFL provides a recruiting boost to the football program.

"Prospective student athletes

look at that, of course there a lot of the prospective student athletes



XAVIER OMON

that are high school seniors that think they can play in the NFL,

and so that has become something they look at and say that this school has so many guys in the NFL. I think it's definitely a factor for recruiting," Tjeerdsma said.

There are no special steps taken to help athletes make the NFL, instead the program simply does the best job it can "coaching them to play college football and be successful in our program and the NFL is a by-product, if they're good enough to make it - they have a good enough career, and they get that opportunity - great," said Tjeerdsma.

"Our philosophy is we get them here, we want them to be successful students and leave here with a degree - that's the most important thing."



## A different sort of musician

### Steele Croswhite brings music, message to Milo Bail

COMMENTARY BY  
JILLIAN WHITNEY  
CONTRIBUTOR

I quietly watched as the crowd began making their way into the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center Wednesday night chatting animatedly with one another. It seemed as if each group was more excited than the next.

The crowd was a completely random mixture of student, staff and community members, yet they all filed into the room for the same purpose. They all were here to experience Steele Croswhite, a musician visiting the campus to put on a free concert for a student ministry group that I am personally involved with – the student ministry group, The Rock – in celebration of the kickoff of its new Wednesday night meetings.

As the beat of the drums began to signify the start of the concert an eerie hush went over the crowd. All eyes, including my own, turned to the stage and were introduced to the band's lead singer.

Everything about him screamed rock from the way he dressed to his mannerisms. His hair was long to his shoulders and tousled. Even his name, Steele Croswhite, implied a certain sense of reputation.

He silently grabbed his guitar and the music began. His whole essence was in the music and the lyrics that he sang. The watching crowd began to move with him to the rhythm and sway of the music.

When I sat down after the concert with Croswhite, he began to tell me his story. He first started singing at the age of five when his father began entering him in talent shows dressed up as Elvis Presley.

"I grew up playing music," Croswhite said. "I grew up in a musical household. My dad played guitar and he toured in the early '60s with a lot of good bands. So I got my beginning in my family ... and from there it just kind of took off."

At 17 years old, Croswhite began his first band and, just few short years later, they sold out their first concert. When Croswhite was 21, the band signed to a record label and the band Silvercrush was officially born. In 2000 Silvercrush released an album that hit No. 1 on the Billboard Heatseeker Chart.

"Silvercrush sold an incredible amount of albums for a new band professionally speaking," Croswhite said. "We toured with Sheryl Crow, Maroon 5, Third Eye Blind, Counting Crows, Howie Day, Ziggy Marley – just many,

many bands. I loved it. For a few years I spent my life touring, playing show cases, flying and traveling in buses."

Though I've seen Croswhite in concert a number of different times before, I never really knew what his story was. Why was it that at the very height of his band's fame and success Croswhite decided to give it all up for a very different sort of life?

"To be honest, one night while my band and I were on our tour bus, I just sat there thinking. I all the sudden realized I felt very successful in the world but very empty spiritually," Croswhite explained to me.

"From 16 years old to 24, or whatever, I absolutely wanted nothing to do with God because I felt like he was angry at me. I just don't know if ever registered with me how much he loved me. So I decided he wasn't going to be that important to me."

Croswhite then went on to tell me that after getting off tour he went and spoke with his sister Paige. After much prodding she finally convinced him to simply try out a church that she was involved with called The Rock Church, which she insisted was different than any other church he'd ever attend.

"Paige said to me to convince me to go to church with her, she said, 'You know you can smoke there, and afterwards we'll go out to the bar.' That got my attention! So I went to this church and really saw different kinds of people there.

I didn't see people that were condemning me or judging me. I didn't feel like I needed to change my clothes, or anything, and it met at night, which I liked a lot," Croswhite said.

Not only did the people strike Croswhite but the message did as well. At this church the members began to present to Croswhite a very different viewpoint on God and religion.

"The people there just started to kind of introduce me

to Jesus and his unbelievable love and that he loved me. They told me about how much he loved me and began explaining the Gospel to me accurately. So in 2002, I fell in love with Jesus Christ. My life and music changed drastically from there," Croswhite said.

Though his band was more successful than ever, Croswhite decided to drop it all, literally overnight, and pursue God. Not wanting to be a part of Silvercrush anymore, Croswhite got engaged in a yearlong battle of lawsuits against his record label to get out of his recording contract.

"It was all a total switch around from the life I was leading, it literally happened overnight," Croswhite said.

"See there was a time there where our dreams were coming true, what we thought for years in Silvercrush they were all coming true. And all of the sudden I pulled the plug because I felt like God got a hold of my heart. All of this, it's not about my fame and glory or my band's fame and glory; it's all about Jesus Christ for me now."

Part of a group of churches called the Great Commission Association, Croswhite tours with his wife, Kim, and his new band all over the country putting on free concerts.

"We do this to reach out to people who are maybe not interested in religion but are interested in God. For my band and I, it's not about success anymore, or money, or fame, or MTV or feeling like we have to be on a record label to be legit. For us it's about playing our music, to play it well and to spread a message that I think will change the world."

As I watched Croswhite on stage singing, it struck me how much he did in fact believe that he was changing the world.

He sung with such passion and zeal anyone could tell that he was a different sort of man. I wasn't the only person in the crowd struck by this odd musician – some people in the crowd were standing with their hands stretched into the air, others were crying silently and some who knew the lyrics to his songs were singing out.

His music alone transported his crowd. Steele Croswhite is beyond a reasonable doubt a different sort of musician.



Steele Croswhite one led the Billboard Heatseeker Chart with his previous band Silvercrush, but gave up the limelight after joining The Rock Church. He now tours with the Great Commission Association. (photo courtesy LONDON YANG)

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# Numerous events planned for Hispanic Heritage Month

JAMIE BELL  
STAFF WRITER

It's finally September, which means the annual celebration of the Hispanic culture, known as Latino Heritage Month, is nearly here.

The 30-day observance is held from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It is meant to celebrate and educate Americans as a whole about the traditions and culture of our nation's largest ethnic minority.

"Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua," according a statement by the U.S. Census Bureau.

With the estimated Latino population reaching about 43 million as of 2005, Hispanic culture is a topic that everyone could learn a bit more about.

The

American Multicultural Students, Student Organizations and Leadership Programs and the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies have come together in order to host a number of exciting activities and presentations honoring Latin American customs.

As with the Native American and black history months, the celebrations on campus consist primarily of a social mixer, a musical performance/ritual (in this case by the band Sabor) and academic presentations.

One of the presentations focuses on a service project taken on by nine students to Lima, Peru, while a second is lead by Mexican Consul Jorge Ernesto Espejel, who will weigh his encounters along the border against those of immigrants living here in Omaha.

The last academic presentation deals with the Chicano Movement and a comparison of the past and present in relation to it.

Although Latino Heritage month

occurs every year, Sharif Liwaru, the director of Cultural Awareness Programs, feels that the events this year will be great because of the overwhelming involvement from student organizations and the fact that everyone will be able to experience their own "personal intercultural exchange."

In addition to the basic activities, OLLAS (pronounced "oy-yas") is hosting a film series called "Cinematica" at Film Streams, which will focus on featuring two foreign films every week until Oct. 2.

After the films are showcased each week, there will be a discussion of the topics and themes explored every Tuesday of the series. The discussions are hosted by members of the OLLAS faculty members and guests, and are designed to fuel deeper conversation and explore the films as they relate to today.

Lourdes Gouveia, the director of OLLAS, hopes that students who went to

view, the films will "come together to learn and discuss on Tuesday nights" and expand on the movie-going experience.

There will also be a showing of the Brazilian film "Behind the Sun" on campus, as well as a Latin dance workshop and a presentation that explores Latinos in the Greek system.

Liwaru hopes that UNO students will actively participate in the planned events and "learn through personal interaction something about a culture that is not their own."

For more information on Latino Heritage Month, contact Liwaru at (402) 554-2711, Lucy Garza of OLLAS at (402) 554-3835 or Roger Garcia of American Multicultural Students at (402) 554-3696.



## 'Cinematica' series at FilmStreams honors foreign films

JAMIE BELL  
STAFF WRITER

For some, planning a trip to the movies takes fifteen minutes. For Lourdes Gouveia and her colleagues at the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies, it took two years.

OLLAS and Film Streams have finally announced, after 24 months of planning, the debut of "Cinematica," a film series collaboration that features two foreign films per week scheduled to coincide with the celebration of Latino Heritage Month.

The idea for the series began even before Film Streams' foundation was laid and took vigilant preparations. Gouveia felt the time

devoted to development was needed.

"Such an effort takes a lot of love and care and planning," Gouveia said. "You give yourself time to deal with unexpected hurdles."

OLLAS chose to partner with Film Streams and formed an advisory committee with members of both groups in order to "showcase a variety of films representing different countries, time periods, directors and genres, appealing to a broad and diverse audience," according to the OLLAS Web site, [www.unomaha.edu/ollas](http://www.unomaha.edu/ollas).

After partnering up with UNO's black studies program, the collaborators whittled down the possibilities to 10 films that will be

showcased, two per week, between Aug. 29 and Oct. 2. The films chosen were described by Gouveia as classics.

"The films' messages and themes resonate beyond eras," Gouveia said.

The first two selections, "Black Orpheus" and "Death of a Cyclist," have already been shown at Film Streams. The next two are "Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo," an Oscar-nominated documentary about young Argentinean activists, and "The Official Story," which earned an Oscar for Best Foreign Film.

The films explore political themes and moral dilemmas that are relative to modern-day situations, which Gouveia hopes will

provoke deeper thought and discussion. To facilitate such reflection, OLLAS is sponsoring discussions each Tuesday of the series to probe under the surface of five of the selected films.

The discussions are hosted by faculty members beginning at 6:30 p.m. Even if students don't get the chance to attend discussions, Gouveia's main hope is that "everybody who attends gets out of that theater saying, 'I can now see a perspective I could not capture before.'"

Tickets for the films are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for seniors, \$6 for students and \$4 for Film Stream members. For show times and a complete listing of the selected films, visit [filmstreams.org](http://filmstreams.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cinematica Film Series: "Orfeu Negro"  
Discussion by Maria Arbelaez and Omowale Akintunde  
**Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Roth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St.

Cinematica Film Series: "La Historia Oficial"  
Discussion by Claudia Garcia  
**Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Roth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St.

Latinos in the Greek System  
**Tuesday, Sept. 16 at noon**  
Milo Bail Student Center, State Room

Cinematica Film Series: "La Misma Luna"  
Discussion by Lourdes Gouveia, Ramon Guerra and Kristin Fearnow

Musical Performance by Sabor  
**Wednesday, Sept. 17 at noon**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Maverick Plaza

Cinematica Film Series: "El Espíritu de la Colmena"  
Discussion by Steven Torres  
**Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Roth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St.

Latin Mixer  
**Thursday, Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Nebraska Room

OLLAS Charla Series: "Lessons from a Service Learning Project in Lima, Peru"  
**Tuesday, Sept. 30 at noon**  
Thomson Alumni Center, Centennial Hall

**Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Roth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St.

Cinematica Film Series: "Lucía"  
Discussion by Johnathan Benjamin-Alvarado and Octavio Sordo

**Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Roth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St.

Brazilian Film Showing: "Behind the Sun"  
**Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Nebraska Room

OLLAS Charla Series: "The Reality of Mexican Migrants"  
**Friday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m.**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Gallery Room

"The Chicano Movement: A Comparison of Then and Now"  
**Tuesday, Oct. 14 at noon**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Nebraska Room

Latin Dance Workshop  
**Wednesday, Oct. 15 at noon**  
Milo Bail Student Center, Fireplace Lounge



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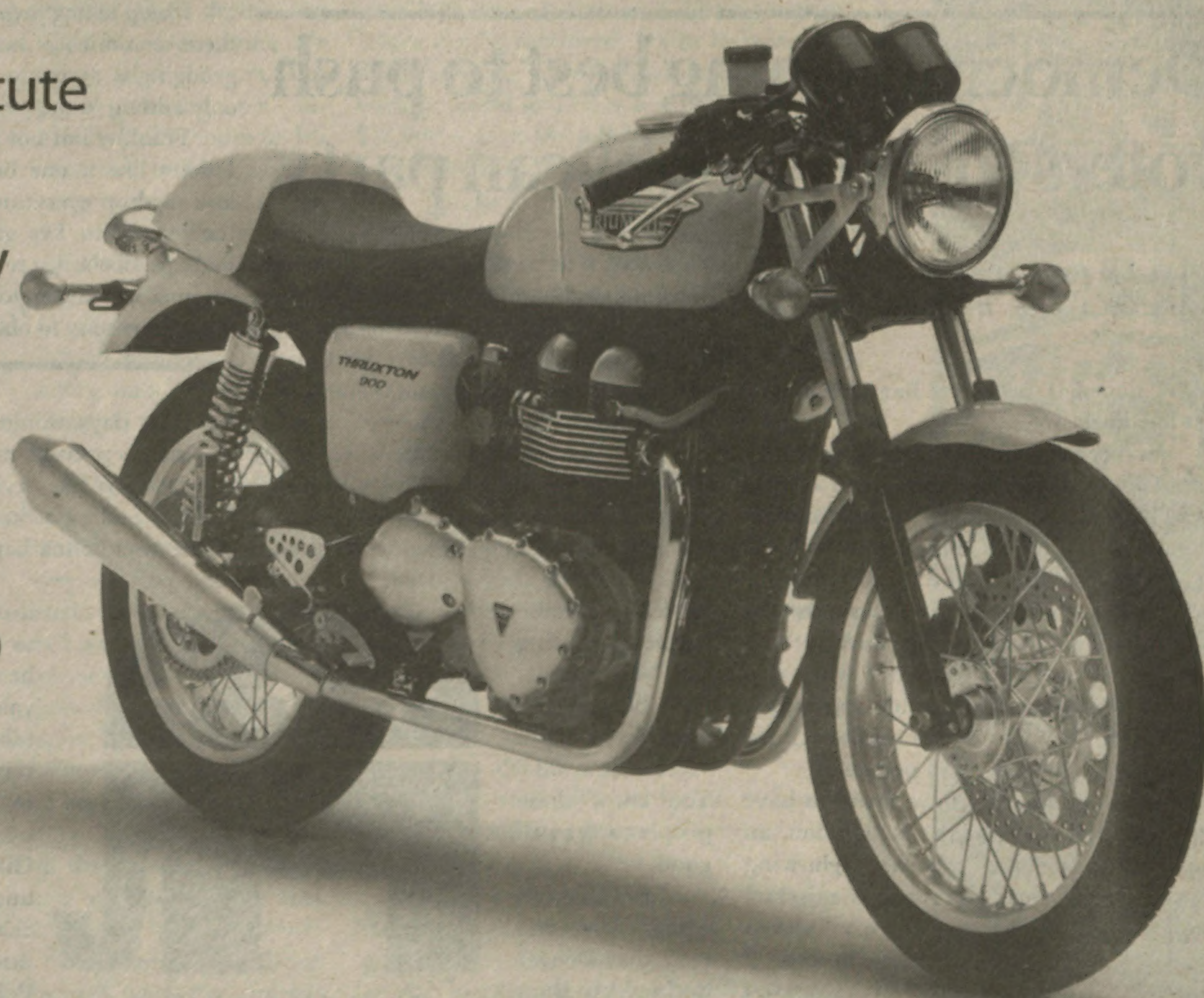
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## Will Obama seduce college students out of apathy?

Citizens want it, politicians talk it and this election cycle can be summed up by it: change.

College campuses are teeming with the desire for a new way to do politics, but will this hype translate into increased turnout for the 2008 elections?

Young adults vote in lower numbers than any other age group. Many don't care or don't have the time to vote or don't believe their vote matters.

Nonetheless, the 18 to 29-year-old age group is most affected by the change that both candidates are proposing, because we have to live with the policies longer than anyone.

Many students feel their vote is irrelevant because the candidates are usually the same. This is understandable because in the 2004 election there were few perceptible differences between Bush and Kerry: they were from the same race and age-group, they were both wealthy, they both attended Yale and they were both members of the Skull and Bones secret society.

A new election brings new faces, and these two faces are starkly different. McCain brings 20 years of senate experience and a military record that speaks for itself.

On the other hand, Obama is the new kid on the block that has a proven record for initiating change. There is a clear choice, and you have to make it.

For many, "politics" is a distant and boring activity that old white men undertake. This is far from the truth.

According to a definition by Webster, politics is the "total complex of relations

between people living in society;" in other words, politics affects your relationship with your friends, your boss, your college, etc. It is important enough to deserve a few hours of your time.

Do you care about high gas prices, finding a job, the environment, unjust violent war and paying for college? Then you should care about politics.

Although young voters were attracted to the nuanced perspective that Obama offered during the primary season, they might be turned off by the partisan politics that has taken hold in the general election.

His catch rhetoric and charismatic oratory has convinced many young people

that he is different from politicians that have come before, that he intends to and can bring about change.

Although the full measure of the reforms proposed by Obama might be unrealistic, they are a step in the right direction. How he will fund these programs is the next step, as taxing the wealthy can only go so far.

We can only hope that college students will be stimulated into increased political activity by the sheer importance of this election and different perspectives the candidates offer.

The standard is not hard to beat, considering only 42 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds voted in the last election, compared to about 75 percent of the elderly.

Granted, older people don't have much else to do, but are you going to sit there and let your grandmother decide the future of this country?

That way, if anyone ever found out about the donation, I could point to that 80 cents to prove that I gave in hopes of attending the DNC, not out of any love for Obama but for all my hoping and believing, I wasn't chosen.

So I had to be content watching the convention online Monday night. It actually wasn't so bad; at least I didn't have to smell the protesters. Imagine, for about a week, hundreds of far-left wannabe hippies protesting the Democrats for being too centrist, trying to "Recreate '68." You know these people can't smell good.

Speaking of which, did you hear that Denver decided to limit marijuana enforcement for the convention? They must've known that trying to keep the country's assembled Democrats and their far-left agitators away from pot

## Semester provides challenge, opportunity for transformation

So, I survived this summer in my favorite city of this nation (Washington, D.C., of course), only to be attacked with the toughest semester of my college career back at home. I never imagined that my final semester as an undergraduate student at my beloved UNO could serve as such a challenge.

I'm not quite sure how I will get through this fall – perhaps with the aid of cases of Code Red Mountain Dew and lots of Sam & Louie's pizza. Or just with heavy eyelids.

This semester will most certainly test my will and self-motivation to persevere through 18 academic credit hours, a job at The Gateway and an internship with Rep. Lee Terry in addition to the extracurricular life on campus I lead.

Thinking about it all just makes me want to cry.

Earlier today, I was talking to a friend on The Gateway staff about how I wish I were back in my freshman year, when late nights were filled with laughter and relaxed memories, instead of quiet study sessions alone on my couch.

I miss running through the Scott Village sprinklers and random deep discussions with my neighbors in the dorm. More than anything, I miss being able to worry about nothing but waking up the next morning in time for class.

Today, I'm weighed down with worries and commitments that I no longer have the energy or patience to pursue. Oh, how my attitude toward stress has changed from a year ago (see "Life of stress has both its ups, downs" in the Nov. 6, 2007, issue of The Gateway).

I keep telling myself that I can cut back there, commit less here, but in the end, I grudgingly agree to more responsibility, only adding to the weight on my shoulders.

Frankly, I'm not having fun anymore. I don't like it one bit. For once I would love to drop everything that has given me the reputation I've gained and start over. Perhaps that's the reason why I loved the summer in Washington so much: it gave me the opportunity to obtain a new identity.

for four days would be a losing battle. Trying to prevent marijuana use during the DNC is like trying to prevent geeks from attending a Star Wars convention – it just ain't gonna happen.

The convention itself was pretty bland, as conventions tend to be. Nancy Pelosi gave a yawn-inducing pep talk, taking a break from her recent role of trying to build party unity by bringing Hillary Clinton supporters under control.

In an ABC News interview on Sunday, Pelosi encouraged Clinton's female supporters to "get away from the politics of victim." Fine advice, but without "the politics of victim" there would be no Democratic Party.

But in the end, I'm the same old person, with the same tired issues. It sucks. It feels like an endless cycle.

I'm hoping that with the completion of my degree will be the completion of this rut I'm in. Waiting to attend graduate school in the fall will provide me time to clear up my mind, think a little bit about my academic and personal desires and maybe help jumpstart my career in the nonprofit world.

This slew of thoughts also has me looking at my relationship with God more closely.

Believe whatever you want, but I've seen my quality of life decrease and become

more self-deprecating when I haven't been praying or focusing on things bigger and better than myself. It's something I honestly don't like admitting, but I need God to keep me focused. For without the one true focus, I wouldn't be able to change my life.

I've spent most of my life aiming for self-reliance, independent from family and friends, yet when it comes to remaining

positive through a typically school day, I can't be as independent as I once pretended. Instead, I've struggled to find a balance between "Jesus freak" and being the culturally correct woman this world insists on being.

I admit, I've failed, and continue to fail, to find equilibrium.

I'm not writing this to preach to you the importance of establishing at relationship with God or ask for pity; instead, I write this to remind myself what works and doesn't work.

I find that I need to be checked more frequently, especially when I'm sulking about my "sad" life in Omaha. It's a bit self-absorbed, but then again, writing these columns is something I find selfishly refreshing and calming.

For once, I'm aiming for a legitimate change in my outlook of life with a little help from above, because that's the change I believe in: spiritual transformation.

Pelosi might as well have asked Clinton's supporters to avoid tax increases and abortions.

Jimmy Carter appeared on stage but didn't say anything – an uncharacteristically wise move on the Democrats' part. Ted Kennedy gave a surprise speech, looking very well, considering his frail health.

Michelle Obama spent much of her 17 minutes at center stage trying to convince her listeners that she loves America. Some of her statements so far this campaign season – including her confession that she felt proud of her country for the first time in her adult life after her husband became a major contender for president – have led many reasonable observers to wonder what she really thinks about her country.

So can the Democratic leadership inside the convention and the nutty protesters outside remind the country to vote Republican this November?

Yes, they can.

### Chains Removed



Mark Patel

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## Democrats doing best to push voters to the Republican party

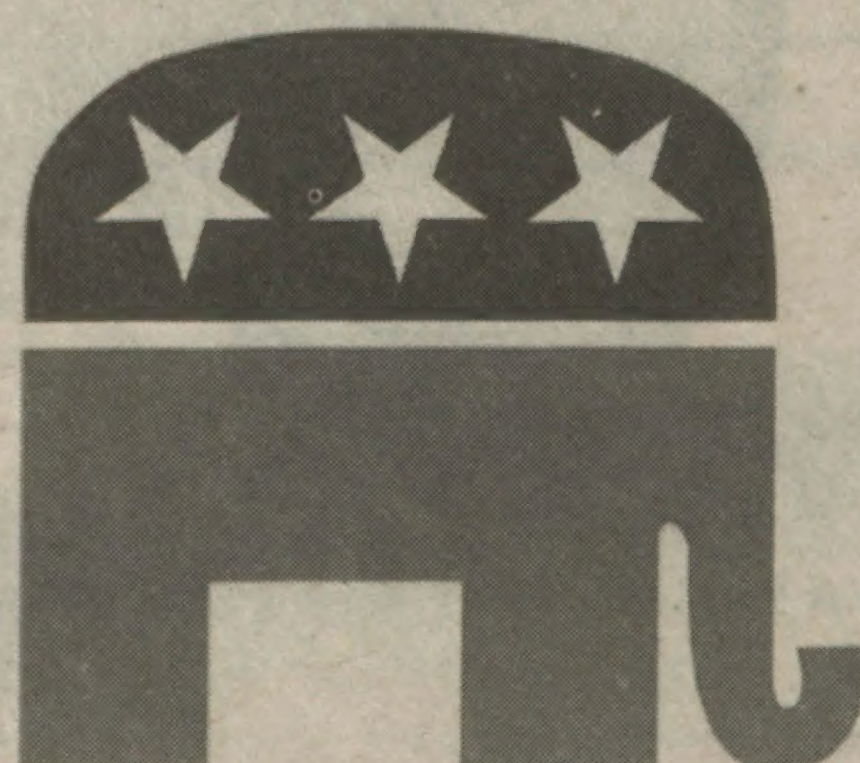
*The following UWIRE column originally appeared in Indiana University's Indiana Daily Student on Aug. 26. It was written by Chase Cooper.*

I hoped. I believed. Barack Obama let me down.

Earlier this summer I donated \$5.80 to Obama's campaign. For those of you who've had the pleasure of reading my columns in the past may wonder why I, a committed conservative Republican, would do such a thing. The reason is that the campaign was giving anyone who donated at least \$5 a chance to win a trip to the Democratic National Convention in Denver to meet Obama and watch his Thursday night speech in person.

Oh, how I would have loved to have been in attendance at the convention, an undercover agent of the vast right-wing conspiracy, covertly spreading mischief and reporting back to you, my beloved readers, everything I encountered. I figured five bucks probably wouldn't swing the election, so I made an online contribution.

I donated an extra 80 cents, signifying Ronald Reagan's 1980 electoral victory.



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# Facebook not best way to send emergency updates to students

The following UWIRE editorial appeared in Indiana University's Indiana Daily Student on Aug. 26.

You normally log on before class to see who has changed their relationship status or if new photos from the weekend's party have made their way online.

Facebook, a self-proclaimed "social networking tool," has traditionally served as a way to keep tabs on your friends. But now, some college administrators hope to use it as a method for alerting students to dangerous situations as they arise on campus.

One month ago, the University of Maryland at College Park created an emergency awareness group on Facebook that would allow students to update one another about campus dangers by adding their own information to the Facebook group.

What's more, the university will post all the security updates it sends out via e-mail and phone to the group.

On its face, this might seem like a better way of disseminating crucial information.

Perhaps lives could be saved in worst-case scenarios such as a campus shooting if universities updated students through yet another mode of communication. After all, it seems reasonable to assume that some students could be better reached through Facebook than their campus e-mail, which they may not see the value in checking regularly.

However, there are several reasons to think Facebook groups may not be the best manner for increasing

student awareness of dangerous campus situations.

For one, young people clearly don't think of Facebook as a forum for serious information.

There are mountains of stories about people making a less than graceful transition into the job market thanks to their potential employers' discoveries of photos they've uploaded that showcase their illegal, or at least less than professional, behavior. Mixing safety warnings with the local gossip will only cause students to take the warnings less seriously.

Even more disturbing is the college administrators' plan to base the group on the idea that students will update one another about developing crises.

In catastrophic situations, people's natural and safe response is to get themselves away from the danger, not to do real-time reporting about where the situation is developing. And because students won't be updating the group as dangers unfold, the plan won't be all that different from the traditional warnings.

Creating a group sustained by student input does open the entire campus up to the risk of hoaxes: Anyone would be able to log in and manufacture a security concern and watch from the comfort of his or her bed as classes are cancelled and time wasted as police are called to the campus to investigate the "threat."

In the end, its casual presentation and open format make security updates via Facebook an idea likely to do more harm than good to campus security.

# Facebook's 100 million members shows it's out of control, dangerous

The following UWIRE editorial appeared in West Virginia University's The Daily Athenaeum on Aug. 27.

Facebook is out of control.

This isn't a piece to ramble on and on about how it's taking over people's lives; it's to identify the dangers of the social networking Web site.

Yesterday Facebook announced a record membership of 100 million members.

That's 99,999,999 other people who can find you on the Internet.

That's almost 100 million people who can know your business: who you're dating, who your friends are and what you're interested in.

Facebook and MySpace would be better off being called "StalkerBook" or "StalkerSpace."

At least people will know what they are getting into.

Day after day you hear horror stories about cyber bullying and online predators. These social networking sites are no different than finding a naive somebody in a chat room.

According to ABC News, 42 percent of children have experienced online bullying.

The site has also decreased and nearly eliminated personal interaction among peers and generations.

Instead of calling someone over the phone or visiting them in person, Facebook has become the quick-and-easy way to find out what's going on in friends' lives and what's going on over the weekend.

Facebook allows its users to post pictures and their interests.

It has been reported that some individuals looking for a job don't get hired

because of incriminating details on their Facebook or MySpace accounts.

According to an MSNBC article, Van Allen runs a company that recruits candidates to fill positions in health clinics and hospitals all over the country. He was happy to find a qualified candidate, but the woman didn't receive the job when he found pictures of her taking her shirt off at parties on Facebook.

While this is a smart move by employers to make sure they hire quality individuals, it's not a smart move by Facebook users to exploit themselves – and sometimes others – on these sites.

With society becoming more and more technology-dependent and savvy, it's important for users of all ages to be cognizant of the repercussions of joining such a site.

If joining the Facebook or MySpace community is a must, it's important to remember to responsibly use the accounts.

Many are using the site today merely for networking. Others just want to keep in touch with old friends.

It isn't a forum to see John Doe's crazy weekend, nor is it the place for account users to make their personal vendettas known by "venting" it on their statuses.

It is a site that shouldn't be abused and overused.

It is important for individuals to know to be safe and only "friend" people they know.

People need to remember the best type of communication is face to face – not Facebook.

They need to know not to embarrass themselves. Sometimes there can be consequences to posting that picture from that crazy, drunken weekend two years ago.

# The price of an education is debt, so stick just to needs

An education is valuable; therefore, it isn't free.

While the cost of an education is worthwhile, many students have no idea how much debt they have accrued in pursuit of higher learning. Randy Sell, the director of Financial Aid at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said when students come into his office, he asks them how much debt they have accumulated and most students do not know.

"If you don't know how much you owe, you don't know how much you will have to pay," Sell said.

The amount of debt a person has and their credit rating is a very defining factor in success for the average person. Being ignorant about how much debt you have is not the way to start out adult life.

The average student, at a moderately priced institution, will graduate these wonderful years with \$19,237 in student loan debt. This number belongs to people who borrowed wisely and lived thriftily.

"There is a lack of financial literacy," Sell said. "You can live like a professional while you are a student and maintain your high school lifestyle but when you graduate you live like a student when you are a professional because you were not wise enough to borrow responsibly."

This is a good point to note. I can define a successful college career in one word: sacrifice. This is important because it affects the amount of debt compiled through a student's many years attending a university.

Here is some advice: If as a student, your parents live in the same city where you attend school, stay home and eat their food! This is a cheap and easy way to cut down on expenses and debt.

First off, apartments and dorms are expensive. If your parents are paying for them, good for you. But you're missing out on some valuable training. It's important to know how to budget your money and pay all the bills. So don't put it off on parents to take care of it all.

A student also has to be able to distinguish among wants and needs. Many students are finding this hard to do, explained Sell.

"When wants and needs are not distinguishable in the mind of a student, they will have higher loans, credit and consumer debt," Sell said. This leads to a tougher life in the professional world.

Distinguishing between wants and needs is incredibly important. A simple way to understand is psychologist Abraham Harold Maslow's hierarchy of needs, which he used to study human motivation.

The first level in the hierarchy of needs pertains to food, water and shelter. The next level has to do with security of employment, resources, personal safety and family. These first two levels of Maslow's hierarchy of needs are what a college student should concentrate on.

Nowhere in Maslow's hierarchy of needs is entertainment. Needs do not include a nice

plasma TV with all the bells and whistles. Needs do not include a brand-new gas-guzzling car. Needs do not include cool, hip or trendy clothes.

Videogames are not needs. Movies and eating out all the time are not needs. These are wants. Wants can be sacrificed. Wants increase debt.

Many students who have graduated into the working world and have a job that pays them \$18,000 a year, let's say, are finding that they have more debt from credit cards and student loans than their salary can afford.

These students often end up back at their parents' house. Sell described these people as "boomerangs," a term he read in the Omaha World-Herald.

Students need to be financially wiser and more willing to make sacrifices. The way one lived at their parents' house is not the way one can live in college.

Early on college students need to learn how to sacrifice. It is important to not get caught up in borrowing the maximum loan every year just because you can.

Be savvy, think about the cost of tuition, shelter and food. Everything else is less important and increases student debt.

If you need help, federal law requires colleges to counsel students about their loans. Take advantage of it.

"We invited 400 people to a literacy conference and two people showed up," said Sell.

There are no excuses. Debt and your knowledge of it are your choices. You choose to ignore it, or to learn about it. And, regardless of the path chosen, the debt exists and is real.

The Talking Heads have a song called "Stay Hungry." This is a good mantra. Stay hungry, and you'll appreciate a lot more and borrow a lot less.

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